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NOTE VERBALE DATED 30 OCTOBER 1997 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF OMAN TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL /

The Permanent Representative of the Sultanate of Oman to the United Nations presents his compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and pursuant to paragraph 13 of Security Council resolution 1132 (1997) of 8 October 1997 in which the Council requested States to report to the Secretary-General within 30 days of the date of adoption of the resolution on the steps they had taken to give effect to the provisions set out in paragraphs 5 and 6 of the resolution has the honour to transmit herewith the said report from the Government of the Sultanate of Oman.

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Annex

[Original: Arabic]

The Sultanate of Oman, believing as it does that it is essential for the international community to oppose any threat to international peace and security that may arise, expresses its profound concern at the continuing violence and loss of life in Sierra Leone following the military coup and the deteriorating humanitarian situation in that country since 25 May 1997, as well as the resultant effects on neighbouring countries, expresses its support for the peaceful efforts being made by the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) to resolve the crisis in Sierra Leone and wishes to encourage ECOWAS to continue to work for the restoration of constitutinal order by peaceful means, including the resumption of negotiations with all parties involved in the crisis and cooperation with the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

Pursuant to Security Council resolution 1132 (1997), adopted unanimously on 8 October 1997, the Sultanate of Oman will undertake to give effect to the provisions of paragraphs 5 and 6 of the resolution.

To that end, the Sultanate of Oman will adopt legislation and issue specific, detailed instructions to the competent national bodies, with a view to giving full effect to this resolution. Those bodies are: the Ministry of Petroleum and Mines, which has jurisdiction in matters relating to petroleum and petroleum products; the Ministry of Defence, which has jurisdiction in matters relating to weapons, ammunition, military equipment and supplies and spare parts; and the National Police, which has jurisdiction in matters relating to the issue of entry and transit visas for the Sultanate of Oman to members of the military junta and adult members of their families in Sierra Leone. These measures will be taken in coordination and cooperation with the members of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to the above-mentioned resolution of the Security Council.